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8	UNITED STATES I	DISTRICT COURT
9	DISTRICT O	F, NEVADA
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11	THEODORE TRAPP, on his own behalf and	
12	on behalf of all others similarly situated,	
13	Plaintiff,	
14	vs.	CASE NO. 2:09-cv-00995
15	BIG POPPA'S, LLC, a Nevada limited	
16	liability company d/b/a BADDA	
17	BINGMEN'S CLUB; SKY TOP VENDING, INC., a Nevada Corporation d/b/a CAN CAN	REPLY OF DEFENDANTS DEJA VU SHOWGIRLS OF LAS VEGAS, LLC,
18	ROOM; LA FUENTE, INC., a Nevada	LITTLE DARLINGS OF LAS VEGAS,
19	corporation d/b/a CHEETAH'S; C.P. FOOD AND BEVERAGE, INC., a Nevada	LLC, AND LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC D/B/A LARRY
20	corporation d/b/a CLUB PARADISE; DEJA	FLYNT'S HUSTLER CLUB TO
21	VU SHOWGIRLS OF LAS VEGAS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company d/b/a DEJA	PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE IN OPPOSITION TO THE MOTION TO
22	VU SHOWGIRLS; PALOMINO CLUB,	DISMISS OF DEFENDANTS DEJA VU
23	INC., a Nevada corporation d/b/a PALOMINO CLUB; SHAC, LLC, a Nevada	SHOWGIRLS OF LAS VEGAS, LLC, LITTLE DARLINGS OF LAS VEGAS,
	limited liability company d/b/a SAPPHIRE; d/b/a STAR CAB COMPANY; K-KEL,	LLC, AND LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC UNDER RULE
24	INC., a Nevada corporation d/b/a	12(b)(6) AND THE MOTION TO DISMISS
25	SPEARMINT RHINO; D. 2801 WESTWOOD, INC., a Nevada corporation	UNDER RULE 12 (b)(6) OR FOR MORE DEFINITE STATEMENT UNDER RULE
26	d/b/a TREASURES; LITTLE DARLINGS	12(e) OF DEFENDANT D.2801
27	OF LAS VEGAS, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company d/b/a LITTLE DARLINGS;	WESTWOOD, INC.
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	O.G. ELIADES, A.D., LLC, a Nevada
2	limited liability company d/b/a OLYMPIC GARDENS; LAS VEGAS
3	ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, a Nevada limited
4	liability company d/b/a LARRY FLYNT'S
- 5	HUSTLER CLUB; MICHAEL A.
	SALTMAN d/b/a MINXX; RICK'S LAS VEGAS; FRIAS MANAGEMENT, LLC, a
6	Nevada limited liability company d/b/a ACE
7	CAB COMPANY and A-NORTH LAS
8	VEGAS CAB; WESTERN CAB COMPANY, a Nevada corporation d/b/a
	WESTERN CAB COMPANY and
9	WESTERN LIMOUSINE; NEVADA
10	CHECKER CAB CORPORATION, a
	Nevada corporation d/b/a CHECKER CAB
11	COMPANY; NEVADA STAR CAB
12	CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation
12	d/b/a STAR CAB COMPANY; NEVADA
13	YELLOW CAB CORPORATION, a Nevada
14	corporation d/b/a YELLOW CAB
	COMPANY; LUCKY CAB COMPANY OF NEVADA, a Nevada corporation d/b/a
15	LUCKY TRANS; SUN CAB, INC., a
16	Nevada corporation d/b/a NELLIS CAB
	COMPANY; CLS NEVADA, LLC, a
17	Nevada limited liability company d/b/a CLS
18	TRANSPORTATION LAS VEGAS; ON
	DEMAND SEDAN SERVICES, LLC, a
19	Nevada limited liability company d/b/a ODS
20	LIMOUSINE and ODS CHAUFFEURED TRANSPORTATION; BLS LIMOUSINE
21	SERVICE OF LAS VEGAS, INC., a Nevada
	corporation d/b/a BLS LIMOUSINE
22	SERVICE OF LAS VEGAS; DESERT CAB,
23	INC., a Nevada corporation d/b/a DESERT CAB COMPANY and ODYSSEY
24	LIMOUSINE; BELL TRANS A NEVADA
24	CORPORATION, a Nevada corporation
25	d/b/a BELL TRANS; TONY CHONG, an
26	individual; and DOE EMPLOYEES 1-1000;
27	Defendants.
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COME NOW Defendants DEJA VU SHOWGIRLS OF LAS VEGAS, LLC, LITTLE 1 2 DARLINGS OF LAS VEGAS, LLC, and LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC d/b/a LARRY 3 FLYNT'S HUSTLER CLUB, (hereafter "Deja Vu") by and through their attorney, Neil J. Beller, Esq. and submits the following Reply to Plaintiff's Response in Opposition to the aforementioned 4 5 Defendants' Motion to Dismiss. 6 Plaintiff, in his Response, has provided one opposition to the combined motions of Deja 7 Vu and D.2801 Westwood, Inc. Deja Vu will only reply to those sections of Plaintiff's Response that relate to Deja Vu's motion to dismiss. 9 1. Class Certification Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 (c)(1)(A) provides: 10 At an early practicable time after a person sues or is sued as a class 11 representative, the court must determine by order whether to certify 12 the action as a class action. 13 Deja Vu raised the issue of class certification in their motion to dismiss to raise the 14 problem with Plaintiff's definition of who are to be the members of the proposed class. 15 In his Class Action Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that he seeks certification of a class under Rule 23 (b)(2) which he defines as "All persons who have or will travel to Defendant Clubs via 16 17 Defendant Drivers, or otherwise has attended such Defendant Clubs in the past or will attend such 18 Defendant Clubs in the future." See, Page 16, lines 17-20 of Complaint. 19 Plaintiff's definition is so vague that it seems impossible that this Court could give notice to any future members of a class, and notice must be given. 20 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23 (c)(2)(A) provides in pertinent part: 21 22 (A) For any class certified under Rule 23 (b)(1) or (b)(2), the court may direct appropriate notice to the class. 23 Would there be ads placed in newspapers, magazines, television, or on You Tube, stating 24 that any person who has taken a taxi to or plans to take a taxi to any of the Defendant Clubs. 25 please contact the class attorney? In these economic times, hundred of thousands of past or 26 future visitors to Las Vegas might contact the attorney representing the class and provide a false 27 story that they had property taken from them by the Defendant Clubs as alleged by Plaintiff.

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This request for class certification is certainly not the same as a class that concerns the use of a product or drug or being exposed to asbestos, where purchase or use or exposure can be shown by concrete evidence.

As stated by Deja Vu in their motion, Plaintiff's allegations regarding class certification are not objective creteria, but relate to the state of mind of the prospective class member.

Deja Vu certainly acknowledges that while the matter of class certification may not be ripe for determination, it certainly should be decided at an early practicable time. And it is for this reason that Deja Vu brought forth the issue of class certification.

2. Motion to Dismiss

Plaintiff in his Response states: "This class action involves a well-established illegal practice taking place in the <u>City of Las Vegas</u> ..." (Emphasis added.) Page 5, lines 8-9. This statement is under Plaintiff's section "Facts Underlying the Complaint".

Thus, it must be assumed that the alleged illegal practice is taking place only within the jurisdictional limits of the City of Las Vegas. Deja Vu Showgirls and Larry Flynt's Hustler Club are NOT located within the City of Las Vegas. They are in Clark County.

In his Response, Plaintiff alleges that his complaint can survive a Rule 12 (b)(6) motion to dismiss and to support that allegation cites <u>Bell Atl. Corp. V. Twombly</u>, 550 U.S. 544 (2007), <u>Ashcroft v. Iqbal</u>, 129 S.Ct. 1937 (2009), and <u>Moss v. U.S. Secret Service</u>, 572 F.3d 962 (9th Cir. 2009). Citing <u>Iqbal</u>, Plaintiff states that a claim has facial plausibility "when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged." See, page 7, lines 1-7.

The court in Moss v. U.S.Secret Service, discussed the Twombly and Iqbal opinions.

Following Iqbal's "misconduct alleged." statement (quoted by Plaintiff), the court continued:

The plausibility standard is not akin to a 'probability requirement', but it asks for more than a sheer possibility that a defendant has acted unlawfully, <u>Id.</u> (quoting <u>Twombly 550 U.S.</u> at 556, 127 S.Ct. 1955). "Where a complaint pleads facts that are 'merely consistent with' a defendant's liability, it 'stops short of the line between

1 possibility and plausibility of entitlement to relief. 572 f3d at 969. 2 The Moss court concluded that the complaint failed to plead facts plausibly suggesting a claim against the agents. 3 4 Deja Vu contends that Plaintiff has failed to plead a plausible entitlement to relief. 5 Plaintiff has pleaded no specific facts that Deja Vu committed any unlawful acts. 6 Whether or not this Court will rule on class certification now, soon, or in the near future, a 7 complaint can be dismissed prior to ruling on class certification. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has expressed its approval where the district court granted 8 a dismissal prior to ruling on class certification. Wright v. Schock, 742 F.2d 541 (9th Cir. 1984) citing Boyle v. Madigan, 492 F.2d 1180 (9th Cir. 1974; Isham v. Pierce, 694 F.2d 1196 (9th Cir. 10 1982); Halet v. Wend Investment Co., 672 F.2d 1305 (9th Cir. 1982); Montgomery v. American 11 12 Airlines, Inc., 637 F2d 607 (9th Cir. 1980). 13 Based on the foregoing, these moving Defendants respectfully request this Honorable Court to deny certification of Plaintiff's complaint as a class action and to grant their motion to 14 15 dismiss. 16 Dated this <u>30</u> day of October, 2009. 17 18 Neil J'. Beller, Est. 19 Nevada Bar No. 002360 NEIL J. BELLER, LTD. 20 7408 West Sahara Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89117 21 (702) 368-7767 Attorney for Defendants 22 DEJA VU SHOWGIRLS OF LAS VEGAS, LLC LITTLE DARLINGS OF LAS VEGAS, LLC 23 LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC 24 25 26 27

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